

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing data reference information, comprising:

copying data from a first computer application to a memory;

copying reference information from the first computer application and related to the data to the memory;

pasting the data from the memory to a second computer application; ~~and~~

pasting the reference information related to the data from the memory to the second computer application;

in response to pasting the data, obtaining additional reference information from a source other than the first computer application and relating to the data and pasting to the second computer application the additional reference information relating to the data, so that the reference information and the additional reference information related to the data can be reviewed along with the data.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising appending one or more descriptive labels to the additional reference information related to the data ~~when it is in response to pasting the additional reference information is pasted~~ to the second computer application.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein appending comprises appending one or more descriptive labels related to at least one of ~~the source of the data~~, the date the data was copied, the time the data was copied, the date the data was pasted, the time the data was pasted, the identity of the user who copied the data, the identity of the user who pasted the data, ~~the author of the data~~, the identity of the last user who edited the data, the last date that the data was edited, the last time that the data was edited, or the location of the data in a document, ~~or the title of the document from which the data was copied~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising generating the additional reference information related to the data.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~copying~~ obtaining the additional reference information related to the data comprises copying from the other source ~~the first computer application~~ to the memory at least one of ~~the source of the data~~, the date the data was copied, the time the data was copied, the identity of the user who copied the data, ~~the author of the data~~, the identity of the last user who edited the data, the last date that the data was edited, or the last time that the data was edited, the location of the data in a document, ~~or the title of the document from which the data was copied~~.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein copying the reference information related to the data comprises copying from the first computer application to the memory meta-data related to the data.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein copying the reference information related to the data comprises copying from the first computer application to the memory properties related to the data.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein pasting the reference information related to the data comprises pasting from the memory to the second computer application at least one of the source of the data, the date the data was pasted, the time the data was pasted, the identity of the user who pasted the data, the author of the data, the identity of the last user who edited the data, the last date that the data was edited, the last time that the data was edited, the location of the data in a document, or the title of the document from which the data was copied.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein pasting the reference information related to the data comprises pasting from the memory to the second computer application meta-data related to the data.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein pasting the reference information related to the data comprises pasting from the memory to the second computer application properties related to the data.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein pasting the reference information related to the data comprises pasting the reference information adjacent to the data in a document of the second computer application.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
in response to pasting the data to the second computer application, copying the
additional reference information related to the data from a third computer application to the memory; and

pasting the additional reference information from the memory to the second computer application so that the additional reference information can be reviewed along with the reference information related to the data.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein copying the additional reference information comprises copying from the third computer application to the memory at least one of the date the data was copied, the time the data was copied, the date the data was pasted, or the time the data was pasted.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein pasting the additional reference information comprises pasting from the memory to the second computer application at least one of the date the data was copied, the time the data was copied, the date the data was pasted, or the time the data was pasted.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~adding to the reference information related to the data, which was pasted to the second computer application, obtaining from the second computer application the~~ additional reference information related to the data ~~and obtained from the second computer application.~~

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein ~~adding to the reference information comprises adding to the~~ additional reference information related to the data comprises at least one of the identity of the user who pasted the data, the date the data was copied, the time the data was copied, the date the data was pasted, or the time the data was pasted.

17. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first computer application and the second computer application comprise one computer application and the data is included within at least one document of the computer application.

18. (Currently Amended) A computer system for providing data reference information, comprising:

- a processing unit;
- a memory in communication with the processing unit;
- a computer application in communication with the processing unit and the memory that provides instructions to the processing unit, wherein the processing unit ~~is~~ responsive to the instructions, ~~operable~~ operates for:

- copying data from a first document to the memory;
- copying reference information from the first document and related to the data to the memory;
- pasting the data from the memory to a second document; ~~and~~
- pasting the reference information related to the data from the memory to the second document;
- obtaining additional reference information from a source other than the first document and relating to the data; and
- pasting to the second document the additional reference information relating to the data so that the reference information and the additional reference information related to the data can be reviewed along with the data.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 18, wherein the processing unit, responsive to the instructions, ~~is~~ further ~~operable~~ operates for appending at least one descriptive label to the additional reference information related to the data when ~~it~~ the additional reference information is pasted to the second document.

20. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 19, wherein the processing unit, responsive to the instructions, ~~is operable~~ operates for appending at least one descriptive label to the additional reference information related to the data by appending at least one descriptive label related to at least one of ~~the source of the data,~~ the date the data was copied, the time the data was copied, the date the data was pasted, the time the data was pasted, the identity of the user who copied the data, the identity of the user who pasted the data, ~~the author of the data,~~ the identity of the last user who edited the data, the last date that the data was edited, the last time that the data was edited, or the location of the data in a document, ~~or the title of the document from which the data was copied.~~

21. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 18, wherein the processing unit, responsive to the instructions, is further ~~operable~~ operates for generating the additional reference information related to the data.

22. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 18, wherein the processing unit, responsive to the instructions, ~~is operable for copying~~ obtains the additional reference information related to the data by copying from the source other than the first document to the memory at least one of ~~the source of the data,~~ the date the data was copied, the time the data was copied, the identity of the user who copied the data, ~~the author of the data,~~ the identity of the last user who edited the data, the last date that the data was edited, the last time that the data was edited, ~~the location of the data in the first document, or the title of the compilation from which the data was copied.~~

23. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 18, wherein the processing unit, responsive to the instructions, ~~is operable~~ operates for pasting the reference information related to the data by pasting from the memory to the second document at least one of the source of the data, the date the data was pasted, the time the data was pasted, the identity of the user who pasted the data, the author of the data, the identity of the last user who edited the data, the last date that the data was edited, the last time that the data was edited, the location of the data in the first document, or the title of the compilation from which the data was copied.

24. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 18, wherein the processing unit, responsive to the instructions, is further ~~operable~~ operates for:

copying the additional reference information related to the data from a third document to the memory; and

pasting the additional reference information from the memory to the second document so that the additional reference information can be reviewed along with the reference information related to the data.

25. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 24, wherein the processing unit, responsive to the instructions, ~~is operable~~ operates for copying the additional reference information by copying from the third document to the memory at least one of the date the data was copied, the time the data was copied, the date the data was pasted, or the time the data was pasted.

26. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 24, wherein the processing unit, responsive to the instructions, ~~is operable~~ operates for pasting the additional reference information by pasting from the memory to the second document at least one of the date the data was copied, the time the data was copied, the date the data was pasted, or the time the data was pasted.

27. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 18, wherein the processing unit, responsive to the instructions, is further ~~operable~~ operates for ~~adding to the reference information related to the data, which was pasted to the second document, obtaining the additional reference information from the second document and pasting that~~ additional reference information ~~related to the data and obtained from~~ to the second document.

28. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 27, wherein the processing unit, responsive to the instructions, ~~is operable~~ operates for adding ~~to~~ the additional reference information by adding to the reference information related to the data at least one of the identity of the user who pasted the data, the date the data was copied, the time the data was copied, the date the data was pasted, or the time the data was pasted.

29. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for providing data reference information, comprising:

logic for pasting data from a memory to a computer application in a format that can be edited or modified; ~~and~~

logic for pasting the reference information related to the data from the memory to the computer application so that the reference information related to the data is displayed with the data[.];

logic for obtaining additional reference information from a source other than the source of the data; and

logic for pasting to the computer application the additional reference information, in response to pasting the data to the computer application.

30. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 29, further comprising:

logic for determining if preferred reference information related to the data is available, wherein the details of the preferred reference information are based on a user setting or a predetermined configuration; and

logic for pasting the preferred reference information to the computer application if it is determined to be available and for pasting the data to the computer application without the reference information if the preferred reference information is determined not to be available.

31. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 30, wherein the logic for determining comprises:

logic for parsing the reference information contained in the memory;

logic for selecting the reference information that is in a preferred presentation format as a stream of reference data elements;

logic for configuring the stream of reference information into segments of various types of reference data; and

logic for selecting the preferred types of reference data from the segments of reference data to obtain the preferred reference data.

32. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 29, wherein the logic for pasting the reference information comprises logic for pasting the data reference information based on the selections indicated by a user setting or a predetermined configuration.

33. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 29, wherein the logic for pasting the reference information comprises logic for pasting the data reference information if the data comprises one or more characteristics based on a user setting or a predetermined configuration.

34. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 32, wherein the logic for pasting the reference information comprises logic for pasting the data reference information if the data comprises the characteristic of at least one of a predetermined size, amount, or type of data that is based on a user setting or a predetermined configuration.

35. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 29, wherein the logic for pasting the additional reference information comprises logic for pasting at least one of ~~the source of the data~~, the date the data was pasted, the time the data was pasted, the identity of the user who pasted the data, ~~the author of the data~~, the identity of the last user who edited the data, the last date that the data was edited, the last time that the data was edited, or the location of the data in a document, ~~or the title of the document from which the data was copied~~.

36. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 29, further comprising:

logic for copying the data to the memory; and

logic for copying the data reference information related to the information based on the selections indicated by a user setting or a predetermined configuration.

37. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 36, wherein the logic for copying the additional reference information comprises logic for copying at least one of ~~source of the data~~, the date the data was copied, the time the data was copied, the identity of the user who copied the data, ~~the author of the data~~, the identity of the last user who edited the data, the last date that the data was edited, the last time that the data was edited, or the location of the data in a document, ~~or the title of the document from which the data was copied~~.

38. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 29, further comprising logic for generating the additional reference information related to the data.

39. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 29, further comprising logic for appending one or more descriptive labels to the additional reference information related to the data when ~~it~~ the additional reference information is pasted to the computer application.

40. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 39, wherein the logic for appending comprises logic for appending a descriptive label related to at least one of the ~~source of the data~~, the date the data was pasted, the time the data was pasted, the identity of the user who pasted the data, ~~the author of the data~~, the identity of the last user who edited the data, the last date that the data was edited, or the last time that the data was edited.